

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-60 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 6, 11, 17, 22, 27, 33, 37, 41 and 45 being independent. Claims 17-32, 41-48, 51-54 and 57-60 have been withdrawn, leaving claims 1-12, 14-16, 33-40, 49, 50, 55 and 56 under consideration. Claim 13 has been canceled and claims 11, 49, 50, 55 and 56 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10 and 33-40, and the Examiner's indication that claims 13 and 14 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 49, 50, 55 and 56 have been amended in response to the rejection under section 112, second paragraph. The amendments are believed to address the Examiner's concerns.

Claims 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,090). Applicants have amended claim 11 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 13. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of this amendment.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed to be due. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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